8. The number of disputes pending with officers increased from 747 to 1,409. The percentage of disposals shows a decline from 69·4 to 55·2. The pendency with the arbitrators continues to be heavy. Government wish to reiterate that greater efforts should be made both by the officers of the department and the arbitrators to reduce the pendency of disputes as far as possible.

9. Though the number of decrees executed during the year shows an improvement over that of the previous year, yet the pendency continues to be heavy and greater efforts should be made both by the Revenue and the Co-operative Departments. The reconciliation of differences between the figures of the Revenue Department and the Co-operative Department in regard to the pendency of decrees has not yet been completed though action was taken during 1936-37 and 1937-38. In spite of instructions issued from time to time, Government find that arrears on account of Court-fee Stamps continues to be very heavy.

10. Government passed orders on the several recommendations made in the Report of the Committee on Co-operation and issued during the year several rules for the better working of the Co-operative institutions. The question of amending the Co-operative Societies Act in order to give effect to the several orders passed is engaging the attention of Government.

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department
(In charge).

Directs that the Sub-Divisional Officers, Amildars, and the Deputy Amildars be appointed Presidents and the Sub-Registrars be appointed Secretaries of Land Mortgage Societies whenever necessary.*

READ—

Government Orders No. D. 7957-70—L. M. 13-34-6, dated 24th June 1935 and No. D. 4565-79—L. M. 11-35-2, dated 29th January 1936, sanctioning the proposal to appoint the Revenue Sub-Division Officers in Sub-Division Headquarters and Amildars and Deputy Amildars in their taluks as Presidents and Sub-Registrars as Secretaries *ex-officio* of Primary Land Mortgage Societies for a period of three years to begin with.

2. Letter No. 7663, dated 22nd December 1938, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore, recommending, in the circumstances explained, sanction to the continuance of the arrangement and adding that these officers will be appointed only when capable and suitable non-officials do not come forward to take up the work.

ORDER No. D. 6161-74—L. M. 11-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11—12TH JANUARY 1939.

Government are pleased to direct that the arrangement referred to in the Government orders, read above, be continued for a further period of three years.

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department
(In charge).

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Sanctions the procedure regarding recovery of pensionary contribution in respect of employees of the Local Bodies.

READ—

Letter No. Pen. 1069, dated 15th May 1935, from the Comptroller to Government, requesting orders on the procedure regarding the recovery of pensionary contribution in respect of the employees of the Local Bodies.

2. Correspondence ending with U. O. Note No. 1021—Pen., dated 11th May1936, from the same officer.

ORDER No. FL. 4660-76—S. & A. 548-34-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 17TH JANUARY 1939.

The Comptroller has reported that no uniform procedure is at present adopted in respect of the recoveries of pensionary contributions from the various Local Bodies in the case of vacant appointments, there being cases of recovery as well as non-recovery. It is desirable to standardise the procedure and to systematise the mode and method adopted in defining the amount recoverable from each Local Body and with this objective, he has suggested that the procedure obtaining in British India of recovering one-ninth's of the sanctioned salaries of all pensionable appointments, irrespective of the employees or of the posts that are kept vacant, might also be followed in Mysore with advantage. He has also suggested that in the case of posts with progressive pay, the average pay may be taken into account for fixing the contribution recoverable.

2. Government are pleased to accept both the suggestions of the Comptroller and are also pleased to direct that they may be brought into effect with this modification that the pay of the appointments kept substantively vacant for not less than a year might be ignored for purposes of recovering contribution. In such cases, full recovery of contribution against sanctioned establishment may be made in the first instance but the amount due in respect of the vacant posts as per directions above may be refunded to the Local Bodies on a bill submitted by them and passed by the Comptroller after regular audit.

3. The Comptroller is requested to take necessary further action by issuing suitable circular instructions to all the Local Bodies concerned.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Printed by the Superintendent at the Government Press, Bangalore.